8. The practice of appointing coaches and supervisors in physical Education in schools of Delhi Administration may not be feasible in Kendriya Vidyalayas in view of the scattered distribution of Vidyalayas.

9. In view of lingual and cultural significance of Sanskrit it is recommended that this may be offered as an elective subject at +2 stage.

10. It is recommended that a cadre of senior Liberarians may be created in the scale of PGT in KVs with enrolment of more than 2000 and also at KVs where there are Resource Centres.

11. If any Yoga Teachers acquires Graduate/Post Graduate degree with a teaching degree he may apply for open selection for the post of TGTs /PGTs in the subject concerned.

12. It is recommended that a period of 3 years may be held adequate to review the position on implementation of these proposals/ recommendations.

Permission to Nehru Homoeopathic College Degree Holders to take All India Services Examination

1440. SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR RAHMAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that degrees issued by the Nehru Homoeopathy College being run by the Delhi Administration is not considered for taking All India Services Examinations;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take in this regard and by when the degree sudents of the said Colge, shall be permitted to appear in the All India Services Examinations?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) to (c) The degree of Bachelor of Homoeopatic Medicine and Surgery (BHMS) awarded to the students of Nerhu Homoeopathy College, Delhi, by the Board of Homoeopathic system of Medicine, Delhi, is recognised by the Union Public Service Commission as equivalent to B.H.M.S. degree awarded by an Indian University. Hence students of this college holding the degree of BHMS are eligible to appear at the Civil Services Examination.

Reduction of Forest Cover

1441. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether forest cover has been diminishing over the years as revealed by the Remote Sensing Laboratory data; and

(b) if so, whether Government had failed to bring out this data in time for taking corrective action?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) According to the study conducted by Forest Survey of India with the help of satellite imagery the forest cover in the country was 64.20 million hectares during the period 1981-83. It was reduced to 64.01 million hectares during the period 1985-87. Thus there has been a reduction of 0.19 million hectares of forest cover in the country between the assessments made in 1981-83 and 1985-87.

(b) This data has been furnished in the State of Forest Report 1989 published by Forest Survey of India, Dehradun.

The trend of continuing deforestation had attracted Government's attention and as a corrective measure the Government has set up the Na-